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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/710,995	Applicant(s) BODDY ET AL.	
	Examiner EUNCHA P. CHERRY	Art Unit 2872	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-24 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 4/24/06.

2. Applicant's election with traverse of species 4 in the reply filed on 4/24/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the species are not independent and distinct. This is not found persuasive because the details discloses in each species are not overlapped each other, i.e. search for species 1 would not result in search for species 2 and search for each species would be serious burden due to structurally different details.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the

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invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Olijnyk et al (US 6,877,868 B2).

Olijnyk et al a vehicular mirror system, comprising: a base adapted to be mounted to the vehicle (Fig. 1, 12), the base comprising a cradle extending outwardly therefrom (Fig. 3, 25); a reflective element assembly for providing a rearward reflective view to an operator of the motor vehicle (15); a support tube assembly comprising a pair of arms (22) interconnected by a support element (see Fig. 2, elements between the arms), wherein the pair of arms are attached to the reflective element assembly and the support element is received in the cradle (see Fig. 3, elements are received in cradle 25); and a retainer mounted to the base and extending across at least a portion of the cradle to retain the support element therein (see Figs. 3 and 4, 38, 40); wherein the support of the support tube assembly by the cradle has increased strength and resistance to vibration while enabling the support tube assembly to pivot relative to the base (inherent by gears and elements shown in Fig. 4), further comprising a clamp (see 24 in Fig 4),

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wherein the support tube assembly comprises a pair of parallel extender tubes rigidly attached at one end to a pivot tube, the pivot tube adapted to be received in the channelway with the extender tubes extending outwardly from the base (see Fig. 6), motorized powerfold assembly mounted to at least one of the base and the reflective element assembly for selectively pivoting the support tube assembly alongside the vehicle or laterally outwardly from the vehicle (by gears shown in Fig. 4), wherein the at least one stop comprises a cylindrical body attached to an outer surface of the support tube assembly or further comprising two stops attached to the support element, the first stop corresponds to a first position of the reflective element assembly laterally outwardly from the vehicle and the second stop (plate) corresponds to a second position of the reflective element (by 35, 38, 40, 41 is a biased spring, 51 is a biased spring).

Conclusion

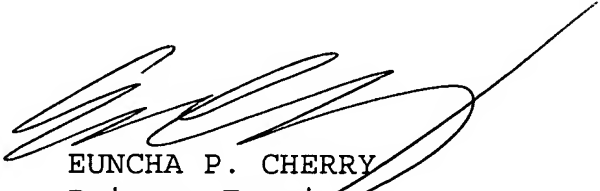
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EUNCHA P. CHERRY whose telephone number is 571-272-2310. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DREW DUNN can be

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reached on 571-272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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